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In re application of:

Morin, et al.

Application No.: 09/042,460

Filed: March 16, 1998

For: MOUSE TELOMERASE  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 5, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendment and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a petition to extend the time for response for one month, from October 5, 2000, to November 5, 2000. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Amendment.

✓ IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 29-30 without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please amend Claim 20 as follows: